

THE SEVENTH'S NEW RECRUIT

BILLY IS ONE OF HIS NAMES, AND HE HAS GIFTS.

He May Return With the Men He Has Adopted—They Have Shown Remarkable Improvement in Drilling—Hazing One of Their Forbidden Delights.

PEEKSKILL, June 15.—The Seventh Regiment has got a new recruit since it came up here to camp. Billy is the recruit's name—at least he answers to that name as well as to any other, and he gets a new one about every day. Billy is just one out of the assortment. Everything goes with him provided he does not get into any mischief. There are company, battalion or regimental formations going on. Dress parade is a specialty with Billy. That's where he shines. But it isn't in his plans to miss anything. He's the most enthusiastic recruit in drill work that there is in the regiment.

Nobody knows where Billy came from. He just was on the camp ground—was there all of a sudden and doing field work with the regiment. Billy's breed is as uncertain as his place of origin. It seems to be a half dozen different kinds of dog in one, and nobody will ever accuse Billy of having the fatal gift of beauty. His color is a sort of khaki drab, with a little leaning toward the yellow order. His long body is swung on funny little legs, and his absurdly big bushy tail is curled up slightly over his back that it gives the impression of Billy having difficulty in keeping his hind feet on the ground under the strain.

But what Billy lacks in beauty he makes up in affability. The plain fact of the matter is that Billy is a good fellow. The crazy quilt plan that nature adopted in assembling the structural materials for the building of Billy was a little unfortunate, but there was no making when it came to the location of the little beggar's heart. That is in the right place. He loves men in general with all the fervor of each man's dog nature and with an all embracing benevolence. And as to the man in the smart trim uniform of the Seventh Regiment, why Billy's attitude toward him is one of absolute blind worship and devotion.

When the regiment is forming for evening parade, Billy, personally, comes to the company to be in position. When the battalions are formed on opposite sides of the parade ground Billy takes up a position squarely opposite the center of each company line of gray and white, and turns his head now this way and now that, in critical inspection.

But it is when Leader Humphrey's band of some eight or more musicians swing a snappy march to the music of the band that Billy's eyes are drawn up in a line as straight as a string. Then that the supreme moment of the day comes for Billy. He has only been looking at the band through up to this time, but now it is a case of sheer rapture with him.

Dignity goes to the winds with him. He is frankly, openly and honestly a blubberer. He is under the restraint of the military proprieties. He never gives expression to his emotions by bawling. He takes it out in scampering here and there around the musicians tumbling all over himself in his ecstasy.

Col. Appleton and all the officers of the regiment, as well as every man of the 5th "Gray Cavalry," have recognized Billy's rapturous joy. To the regiment, Billy is about ten to one that the Seventh comes back to the city Saturday morning. Billy will go along, and that he may even find a loving home with the very shrine of his adored gray and white uniform for the rest of his dog days.

It is the largest attendance at this same dress parade of any since the regiment has been here. All the afternoon trains brought handsomely dressed women and men from the city, and all day long there has been a pretty steady stream of carriages and automobiles to the camp ground. The effect of the parade, five days of camp work is distinctly noticeable, not only in the improved physical appearance of the men, but in their drill. It was especially noticeable at dress parade this evening.

There are about 200 new recruits in the regiment and the benefit of the camp work has been to them. The rumors about the "rookies" are put through which are not down in the program of camp life. Dim, ghostly outlines of "rookies" prancing about on all fours down near the parade ground end of the company streets are reported to have been seen in the early hours of the morning, when all except the guard are supposed to be fast asleep.

Furthermore, the effect of the same rookie ghost, galloping to and fro on all fours like Billy, had tin cans fastened by long strings to their backs and clanging like them as they went. The effect was then a mysterious splash and a spluttering and a muttering are heard from the rear of some tent. That's another rookie getting dumped into a cooling tub of water. The queer scraping sound accompanied by half smothered laughter, which is also heard occasionally at night in the company streets, is said to be the noise of tin wash basins in each of which a rookie sits and drenches himself along in a rookie race.

But let a white officer approaching get abroad in the air and these mysterious nocturnal sounds and movements vanish into emptiness and silence in a twinkling. The brilliant moonlight nights are not quite favorable to hazing formations, but the committee in each company is pretty industrious, and the rumor is that the crop of rookies will be pretty well hazed out by Saturday morning, when the regiment turns its face homeward once more.

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Massachusetts Farmhand, Turned Brooklyn Walter, Tries a Nightingale Tour on Cherry Hill—Has a Chance of Life—Police Nab Five; One Identified.

John Elder was a farm laborer up in Massachusetts until last fall. He and his wife lived on a farm in the mountains. John worked in the fields, and Libbie, his wife, helped about the house. They made a living.

But John was ambitious. If others had made fortunes in the big cities, why shouldn't he? Last fall he read in the newspaper weekly about a man who had started as a waiter and got so rich that he owned one of the biggest places in the city.

John found it hard getting a job, but kept at it and finally landed a place at 1135 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn. He worked hard and was frugal and saved a little money for his good wife to lay away every week.

Then they began to plan a vacation which they might enjoy all by themselves in the big city. John saved money and Libbie came down Wednesday.

In the evening they crossed over the big new Williamsburg Bridge into the promised land. Libbie, who had never been to New York, was very excited. Everything was so grand and new that they simply wandered around aimlessly, taking in the sights with keen delight. Before long they were in the heart of the city, and they looked after for a place to sleep. They were then on Cherry Hill.

John looked a man lounging on a corner to show him a place where they could get a room. The fellow told him and then asked for a tip. John didn't think the service was worth a tip, and before he knew what was up two men had hold of him and were going through his pockets. A third held Libbie with his hand over her mouth. John struggled and shouted. He was quieted by a crack on the head from an iron bar. They took from his pockets \$9 and his silver watch.

John was taken to Gouverneur Hospital with a fractured skull. Dr. Hastie thought he would surely die. After she had told her story to the police Libbie insisted on going to the hospital, too. It was against the rules to let her stay there, but she pleaded so hard that the authorities relented and gave her a place to sleep.

Yesterday John got better, and the chances are that he will recover. Libbie hung around the hospital all day. They couldn't keep her away from the ward where her husband lay. She looked anxious at the trim nurses in their immaculate white gowns and wanted them to leave John for her.

"I know what's good for my John better'n any of them," she told the superintendent. "He don't want none of that soft food. He wants a little meat and a little milk. What I make him feel like himself is a big dipper of cold butter milk and a ginger cake and some cold tea, and you want to put some music on his head to reduce the swelling. I nursed him through the fever, and I know what's good for him."

An Irish nurse, who had been in the hospital for some time, told the superintendent that Libbie's spirits rose. "My John," she said, "ain't so weak if he ain't very big. Then thoughts didn't give him a fair chance. If they'd let him come in front he'd 'a' pounded them good. If he had a fair chance John could outwrestle any of 'em."

Carl Shaw of the Madison street station put Policemen Moran and Brown and Detectives Delaney and Connolly on the case, and before the night was over they had found the young woman. Mrs. Elder identified William Conroy of 34 Hamilton street as the man who struck her husband on the head.

The other prisoners were John Foley of 18 Hamilton street, John Capens of 113 High street, Brooklyn, Michael Manning reported to have been seen in the early hours of the morning, when all except the guard are supposed to be fast asleep.

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